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## Milwaukee County Launches Website to Track Response to COVID-19 in Correctional Facilities

State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County to Begin Testing of all Individuals at House of Correction

MILWAUKEE - County Executive Chris Abele announced today that Milwaukee County has launched a new Covid-19 dashboard, focused exclusively on providing data about individuals who are currently in the care of Milwaukee County.

"We're doing everything we can to flatten the curve in Milwaukee County, and that includes slowing the transmission of the coronavirus at the Jail and House of Correction. We have a responsibility to protect the individuals in our care and provide them with the best possible healthcare if they get sick," said County Executive Abele.

The <u>dashboard</u> shows the numbers of individuals confirmed positive for COVID-19, as well as other useful information and answers to frequently asked questions.

Recognizing jails and prisons are vulnerable to outbreaks, beginning as early as April 18, 2020, the State of Wisconsin, in collaboration with Milwaukee County, will test every individual and employee at the House of Correction. Approximately 1,000 inmates and employees will be tested. Testing results will be available within 72 hours and will provide a valuable snapshot to the County for decision making. Individuals who test positive will be isolated in separate dormitories.

This chart, available at the dashboard, shows the most recent information on cases of COVID-19 at County correctional institutions:





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